

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This submission accompanies an RCE and serves as a further response to the Final Office Action of November 21, 2007 and to the Advisory Action dated May 25, 2007 issued in connection with the instant application

Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on May 18, 2007, together with a proposed amendment, which the Examiner refused to enter on the basis that it introduces new issues after a Final Rejection.

The present RCE application is being filed timely and no Petition for Extension of Time is required.

It is respectfully submitted that the newly presented claims define over the prior art of record. Moreover, the applicant has conformed the specification to the revised, amended claims. The amendments to the specification do not introduce new matter therein.

For the reasons stated in the non-entered Amendment, the claims of record clearly distinguish over the prior art.

Examination of the newly presented claims and a favorable disposition of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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